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To: SPE, Art Unit 1733
From: Director's Office, Vickie
Subject: Petition for accelerated examination

A petition for accelerated examination, pursuant to MPEP 708.02 (VIII), has been filed in this application.

In order to respond to this request as promptly as possible, please complete the questions below and return to the Director's Office - CP3-8D 33 by COB _____.

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| 1. Are all the claims directed to a single invention (no restriction required)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| a. If "no", has the petitioner made an election in the petition? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b. If "no", has a restriction requirement been made by examiner? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If "no" to (b), give to examiner for telephone restriction only _____ | | |
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